

## **Press Release**

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## Franklin VA Clinic to offer drive-up flu shots October 8

FRANKLIN, La. – The Franklin VA Community-Based Outpatient Clinic will hold a drive-up flu vaccine clinic on October 8 from 8 a.m. to noon at its location on 603 Haifleigh Street.

Veterans enrolled in VA health care may use the drive through clinic to get their seasonal flu vaccine with no appointment necessary.

Veterans who drive to the clinic on the morning of October 8 can receive the vaccination while sitting in their vehicle. Those who have a VA health care identification card are asked to bring it for faster service.

"When people are busy, preventive health care like flu shots can be the first thing they overlook," said Medical Center Director Fernando Rivera. "Providing needed health care in convenient settings like this encourages people to get the preventive care they need."

The Southeast Louisiana Veterans Health Care System offers drive-up and walk-in flu shot service to make getting a vaccination more convenient for Veterans. At the Franklin VA Community-Based Outpatient Clinic, walk-in flu shots are available Monday through Friday from 9 a.m. to 11 a.m. and 1 p.m. to 3 p.m.

"Accessibility is a priority in delivering healthcare at VA." Said Franklin VA Clinic Manager Chandra Johnson. "We provide flexible health care solutions so we can meet the needs of all the Veterans we serve."

Veterans who wish to enroll in the Southeast Louisiana Veterans Health Care System can do so by calling 1-800-935-vets or going to www.va.gov/health-care/apply.

For more information about the new Veterans medical center, clinic locations and other services available to Veterans in southeast Louisiana, visit the website <a href="https://www.neworleans.va.gov">www.neworleans.va.gov</a>, or follow us on Facebook, Twitter and Instagram, keyword: VANewOrleans.

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